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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(C)(1)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are cited herewith:

Beutelspacher: "Kryptologie", Friedr. Vieweg & Sohn Verlagsgesellschaft mbH, Braunschweig/ Wiesbaden, Germany, 1996, ISBN 3-528-48990-1, pgs. 90-93 and English statement of relevance thereof:

Chapter 4.2.2 of this reference is concerned with user authentication. On pages 90-93, which are provided with the German Office Action, the user authentication using chip cards is detailed with regard to a challenge response method. Figure 4.11 (Bild

4.11) illustrates what is explained in the text. A computer provides a random number and transmits it to a user (challenge). The user calculates a response RES' from this random number using a one way function f and key k.

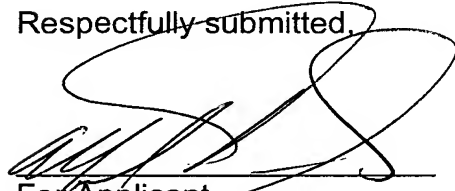
The response is sent back to the computer, which coincidentally calculates a response RES using the random number initially sent and the one way function. It then compares RES and RES'. In case RES and RES' are identical the user is considered knowing a shared secret and is thus authenticated. The user may be a chip card (figure 4.12).

Steps of encrypting data by the verifier (computer), transmitting these to the prover (user) and decrypting these by the prover are not shown in Beutelspacher. Consequently, we consider this reference not being relevant for the present invention.

German Examination Report dated March 1, 2006.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e) the undersigned herewith states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Respectfully submitted,



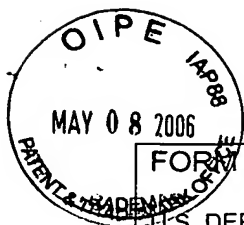
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